

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 70

A RESOLUTION OF UNANIMOUS SUPPORT BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA OF THE EFFORTS BY COUNTY STAFF AND THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CLAYTON COUNTY REGARDING THE AMAZON HQ2 PROJECT; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Amazon HQ2 will be Amazon's second headquarters in North America. The company expects to invest over \$5 billion in construction and grow this second headquarters to include as many as 50,000 high-paying jobs – it will be a full equal to the current campus in Seattle. In addition to Amazon's direct hiring and investment, construction and ongoing operation of Amazon HQ2 is expected to create tens of thousands of additional jobs and tens of billions of dollars in additional investment in the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Amazon estimates its investments in Seattle from 2010 through 2016 resulted in an additional \$38 billion to the city's economy – every dollar invested by Amazon in Seattle generated an additional \$1.40 for the city's economy overall; and

WHEREAS, Amazon empowers small businesses to grow and seize the opportunities of the digital economy. Last year alone, more than 100,000 small businesses each made over \$100,000 in sales on Amazon, and Amazon shipped 2 billion items to customers in 185 countries on behalf of small businesses using its Fulfillment by Amazon program. Today, more than half of the items sold by Amazon worldwide are from small businesses and entrepreneurs using Amazon Marketplace to reach millions of new customers, in the U.S. and abroad. Small businesses and entrepreneurs selling on Amazon have created more than 600,000 new jobs worldwide outside of Amazon; and

WHEREAS, Amazon wants to find a community that is excited to work with them and where their customers, employees, and the community can all benefit; and

WHEREAS, The Atlanta Regional Commission led an effort in partnership with local governments, Community Improvement Districts (CIDs), and the Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance (“the Alliance”) to develop the Aerotropolis Atlanta Blueprint (“the Blueprint”), which was completed and adopted by the Alliance board of directors in July 2016. The Blueprint is a first of its kind strategy for the Atlanta region—providing the framework and impetus to transform metro Atlanta’s Southside around Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). The Blueprint is the Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance’s visionary, community-derived development plan that intends to leverage the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport as a major asset to drive economic investment, job growth, and quality of life in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Blueprint identifies Mountain View as the International Gateway to the region, a part of the region’s corporate crescent and the site of future MARTA transit service expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Aerotropolis region is home to the State Farmer’s Market, a foreign trade zone and the current home of several national headquarters, including Delta Airlines, Chick-fil-A and Porsche; and

WHEREAS, the Development Authority of Clayton County has identified Mountain View as an ideal site for Amazon HQ2 and is pursuing this opportunity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1 The Clayton County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the significance of Amazon HQ2 to local communities and businesses, the county, the Atlanta metropolitan region and the entire State of Georgia.

Section 2. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the value of Mountain View as the International Gateway to the region.

Section 3. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners shares the vision and sentiments of the Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance Blueprint.

Section 4. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims unanimous support of the efforts of county staff, the Development Authority of Clayton County, Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance, the State of Georgia and all of its partners to pursue this opportunity for the benefit of the region.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this the 3rd day of October, 2017.

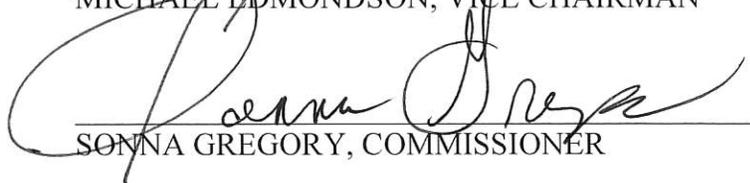
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